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BASKETBALL:

WARRIORS, REDMEN MEET FOR 1ST PLACE IN Q.U.A.A.

The Loyola Basketball Warriors will be attempting to retain their 1st place standing in the Q.U.A.A. when they host the McGill Redmen on Wednesday night, February 2, at 8:00 P.M. at the Loyola Sports Complex. The Redmen currently stand in 2nd place in the loop, trailing the Warriors by one game in the loss column.

Wednesday's contest figures to be one of the most important intercollegiate games played in this area in years. Prior to this season, the Warriors had run up a string of 58 consecutive league victories. This year they increased the mark to 66 before being upset by the Sir George Williams Georgians 86-85. Other losses have been at the hands of Bishop's Gaiters 89-70, and Macdonald Clansmen 78-77 in overtime.

The Warriors currently stand in first place with a 13-3 record in league play. Both McGill and Macdonald follow closely behind with only 4 losses each.

The Redmen rely heavily on 6'9", 319 lb. John Naponick and 6'3" forward Chad Gaffield, both of whom have been carrying the scoring load for the McGill quintet.

The Warriors, finding themselves in the unfamiliar position of having to fight for the title, are led by three native Canadians. Six-foot five-inch Trevor Briggs and six-foot Wayne Hussey both were mainstays of Quebec's Gold Medal Team in the 1971 Winter Games in Saskatoon, while six-three Dave Osborne hails from St. Laurent. Six-five Jim McCarthy and six-foot guard John Dore fill out the Warrior starting unit.

Q.U.A.A. BASKETBALL STANDINGS

	<u>W.</u>	<u>L.</u>	<u>PTS.</u>
Loyola	13	3	26
McGill	11	4	22
Macdonald	10	4	20
Sir George	9	5	18
Bishop's	5	8	10
Laval	4	12	8
Sherbrooke	3	10	6
R.M.C.	2	11	4

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